

1 **Abstract:**

2 The present invention provides a method and system for watermarking a file which  
3 is in a PDL such as PostScript. The present invention can be used to either  
4 watermark a PDL file and then generate a watermarked PDL file or the present  
5 invention can be part of the Interpreter in a printer which takes a file in a PDL and  
6 which then generates watermarked raster images which are printed.

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8 The present invention includes an "interpreter" which generates raster images from  
9 the PDL file. The raster images are then watermarked using conventional  
10 watermarking techniques. Next the raster images are either printed (if the  
11 interpreter is part of a printer) or the raster images are combined into a new PDL  
12 file.